

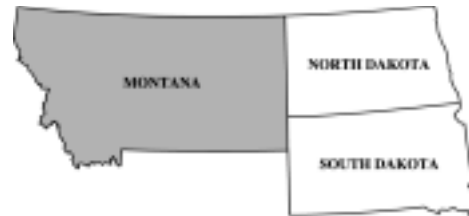


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UNDAUNTED STEWARDSHIP

WHERE ARE WE NOW?

- BLM's FY2003 budget includes \$1 million to fund projects related to the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail under the Undaunted Stewardship umbrella.
- Although Undaunted Stewardship funding was made through BLM's budget, the intent is not to use this money for projects that would traditionally be funded by regular BLM appropriations. The BLM, Montana State University, Montana Stockgrowers, and an advisory board will jointly select projects.



HOW DID WE GET HERE?

- The Undaunted Stewardship concept came from Montana's ranching and agriculture community.
- It was initiated to recognize the stewardship of private landowners that has resulted in many areas along the Lewis and Clark Trail remaining undeveloped and most closely resembling what Lewis and Clark saw during their expedition through the state.
- Another aspect of Undaunted Stewardship is to develop on-the-ground projects with private landowners that will further enhance the natural resources along the trail.

WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?

- BLM as a member of the executive council helped develop agreements that:
- Lay out a methodology to prioritize and select projects for funding;
- Create the means to fund projects through the University when needed;
- Encourage the use of partnerships with other organizations to leverage available funding.
- We are developing management plans, kiosks, and identifying projects to showcase 12 Montana ranches.



WHO ELSE IS CONCERNED?

- The Montana Stockgrowers Association was instrumental in obtaining the Undaunted Stewardship appropriation and serves on the executive council.
- Several conservation groups are involved in the process and will offer advice concerning projects along the Missouri and other rivers and streams along the Lewis and Clark Trail.
- Montana State University is providing outreach and research and science assistance for the development and implementation of projects. It is also assisting private landowners in developing management strategies.

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